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Comments: I would like to voice my opposition to any plan of action by the forest service regarding restoration of the creek fire burn area. Mother nature is quite capable of fixing the damage caused by the creek fire and healing itself. The fire itself was nature's way of fixing decades of neglect and mismanagement. When humans prevent and interfere with the natural process of nature, events like the creek fire happen. Already the burn area is recovering, please stay out of the way and let nature do what it has always done. The forest that was burned by the creek fire was not natural, it was a man-made creation and man-managed, which is why it was destroyed by nature. A valuable lesson can be learned from this. Get out of nature's way, it knows what it's doing. Study the way the forest grows back and recovers on its own. This is a wonderful opportunity to watch a forest rejuvenate itself and much could be learned about how best to manage forests in the future and avoid the mistakes of the past. The only thing the forest service should be proactive about is drastically thinning out overgrown areas and removing dead trees, and massively increasing controlled burns in the rest of the forest before nature burns the rest of it.